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c. Production

Steel blocks supplied by Stahlwerk Silbitz to the Hettstedt works of SAG Marten are used by the latter, among other things, for the production of a low carbon content iron (Armco-Eisen) and nickel alloy, which is then drawn into fine wire (diameter 0.1 mm.-0.3 mm.) for use in the manufacture of magnetic measuring instruments (magnetische Messgeraete).

2. Stahlwerk Krautheim, Chemnitz-Borna (SAG Marten) - formerly G.Krautheim.

a. General

- 1) This branch of SAG Marten controls the Altendorf works near Chemnitz and the Borna works, with a total of 2,400 employees.

2) Personalities:

Generaldirektor: Bokherov (fnu) - Russian.
Chefdirektor: Sicker (fnu) - German.
Kaufm. Direktor: Kehr (fnu) - German.

3) Customers

Indirect reparations orders, mainly for the following works of SAG Amo:

Krupp-Gruson, Magdeburg-Buckau.
Peniger Maschinenfabrik, Penig, Sachsen.
Henry Pels, Erfurt.

b. Altendorf Works

- 1) Equipment: 1 cupola furnace.
- 2) Production: cast iron and malleable cast iron in crude and finished castings.

c. Borna Works

- 1) Equipment: 3 Siemens-Martin furnaces, each 10-15 tons capacity.
1 Bessemer converter, 5 tons.
1 electro-furnace, 3 tons.
- 2) Production: Steel castings (especially bearing and wheel box castings for railroad cars); manganese and chromium steel; castings in crude and finished form.

3. Status of Raw Materials Affecting SAG Marten Production.

a. Shortages

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no hope of
obtaining molybdenum or other metals for ferro-alloys
the DDR would be entirely dependent on the USSR for supplies.
Negotiations in this connection had been started but, so far, the Russians had made no promises.

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Lack of molybdenum is still causing a serious bottleneck in the DDR steel industry. The molybdenum stocks of the DDR government agencies and of the Versorgungskontor der SAG Betriebe, Berlin-Lichtenberg, are completely exhausted. As a result of this, orders for case-hardening steel castings (for temperatures down to minus 45°C.) are at a standstill in all DDR steel works.

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b. Deliveries

Plentiful supplies of pig iron from the USSR were allocated and delivered to all works of SAG Marten during the last months of 1951. The Silbitz works received a total of 3,500 tons between mid-October and the end of November 1951.

Deliveries of scrap iron failed to materialize. A representative of SAG Marten who called on VHZ Schrott, Berlin NW 7,* on 4 December 1951 to complain about the non-delivery, was informed that on the instructions of the Amt fuer Materialversorgung, the VEB Stahlwerke at Groeditz, Brandenburg, and Riesa must be given first priority.

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